

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

**CERTAIN GROUND FAULT CIRCUIT
INTERRUPTERS AND PRODUCTS
CONTAINING SAME**

Inv. No. 337-TA-478

NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission

ACTION: Institution of investigation pursuant to 19 U.S.C. §1337

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a complaint was filed with the U.S. International Trade Commission on July 23, 2002, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. §1337, on behalf of Leviton Manufacturing Co., Inc. of Little Neck, New York. A letter supplementing the complaint was filed on August 14, 2002. The complaint as supplemented alleges violations of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain ground fault circuit interrupters ("GFCIs") and products containing same by reason of infringement of claims 1-4 of U.S. Letters Patent 4,595,894. The complaint further alleges that an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337. The complainant requests that the Commission institute an investigation and, after the investigation, issue a permanent general exclusion order and a permanent cease and desist order.

ADDRESSES: The complaint, except for any confidential information contained therein, is available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Room 112, Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone 202-205-2000. Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server at <http://www.usitc.gov>. The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS-ON-LINE) at <http://dockets.usitc.gov/eol/public>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David H. Hollander, Jr., Esq., Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone 202-205-2746.

AUTHORITY: The authority for institution of this investigation is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and in section 210.10 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 C.F.R. §210.10 (2002).

SCOPE OF INVESTIGATION: Having considered the complaint, the U.S. International Trade Commission, on August 19, 2002, ORDERED THAT –

(1) Pursuant to subsection (b) of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, an investigation be instituted to determine whether there is a violation of subsection (a)(1)(B) of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation, of certain ground fault circuit interrupters or products containing same by reason of infringement of claim 1, 2, 3, or 4 of U.S. Letters Patent 4,595,894, and whether an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337.

(2) For the purpose of the investigation so instituted, the following are hereby named as parties upon which this notice of investigation shall be served:

(a) The complainant is–

Leviton Manufacturing Co., Inc.
59-25 Little Neck Parkway
Little Neck, NY 11362

(b) The respondents are the following companies alleged to be in violation of section 337, and are the parties upon which the complaint is to be served:

Yueqing Huameili Electronic Co., Ltd., d/b/a HML, Yueqing Huameili Electronic Co., Ltd.

No. 2 Tongxing Road
Songhu Industrial Zone
Yueqing, China P.C. 325600
Jiamei Electrical Engineering Co., Ltd.
Xuezhai Liushi Town
Yueqing Zhejiang
China 325604

Sammax International Ltd.
Room 2411-12
Shui On Centre
6-8 Harbour Road
Hong Kong, Hong Kong

Van-Sheen Electric Appliance Co., Ltd.

d/b/a Yatai Switch Factory
43 Gongyuan Road, Baixiang
Yueqing Zhejiang China

(c) David H. Hollander, Jr., Esq., Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Suite 401, Washington, D.C. 20436, who shall be the Commission investigative attorney, party to this investigation; and

(3) For the investigation so instituted, the Honorable Sidney Harris is designated as the presiding administrative law judge. Responses to the complaint and the notice of investigation must be submitted by the named respondents in accordance with section 210.13 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 C.F.R. §210.13. Pursuant to 19 C.F.R. §§201.16(d) and 210.13(a), such responses will be considered by the Commission if received no later than 20 days after the date of service by the Commission of the complaint and the notice of investigation. Extensions of time for submitting responses to the complaint will not be granted unless good cause therefor is shown. Failure of a respondent to file a timely response to each allegation in the complaint and in this notice may be deemed to constitute a waiver of the right to appear and contest the allegations of the complaint and to authorize the administrative law judge and the Commission, without further notice to that respondent, to find the facts to be as alleged in the complaint and this notice and to enter both an initial determination and a final determination containing such findings, and may result in the issuance of a limited exclusion order or a cease and desist order or both directed against that respondent.

By order of the Commission.

Marilyn R. Abbott
Secretary to the Commission

Issued: August 20, 2002